In the Detailed Description Of The Preferred Embodiments section, on page 11, please substitute the paragraph starting at line 1 and ending at line 23 with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto, is attached:

In the most basic form of the pre-paid college tuition embodiment, a Participant enrolling in the plan will enter into a contract with the Administrating Company whereby the Participant transfers to the Administrating Company some sum of money (a "Premium"), and in return receives from the Administrating Company a call option giving the Participant the right to purchase, at some point in the future, a specified measure of educational services for the Beneficiary from any one of the Institutions for a specified amount of money (the "Strike Price"). This is illustrated in the block diagram of Fig.3, in which plural Participants 301-1 through 301-i enter into contracts with the Administrating Company 300. The choice of which Institution will actually provide the services is to be made at the sole discretion of the Participant, at the time the option is exercised. The option may be exercisable by the Participant at any time following the execution of the Contract up to its expiration date, or alternatively may be exercisable only after some specified date (a "Maturity Date"). The salient details of this contract, such as the amount of the Premium paid, the precise measure of educational services that may be

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purchased, the amount of the Strike Price, the Maturity Date and the date on which the option expires, will all become a part of the Participant's data record.--

In the Detailed Description Of The Preferred Embodiments section, on page 15, please substitute the paragraph starting at line 29 of page 15 and ending at line 13 of page 16 with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto, is attached:

--As the Administrating Company enrolls Participants and accumulates Premiums over a set time period (such as, for example, over a ninety day time period), it places the Premiums in a managed fund that invests in low-risk securities to preserve the capital. At the end of the set time period, the Administrating Company will use the accumulated Premiums to execute forward contracts with the Institutions, whereby in return for a cash payment an Institution agrees to provide, at some point in the future, a specified amount of educational services. This is illustrated schematically in Fig.3, in which plural Institutions 302-1 through 302-j enter into contracts with the Administrating Company 300. Preferably, each Institution will be required to carry some type of bond or similar instrument to insure the Administrating Company against a circumstance where the Institution cannot deliver on its obligations, such as circumstances

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where an Institution goes out of business and the like. In any event, the salient details of these forward contracts, such as the amount of the cash payment and the precise amount of educational services (again preferably expressed in terms of years of full-time enrollment or fractions thereof), will become a part of the Institution's data record.--